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SUBJECT: RFE ACCREDITATION TO-WINTER OLYPMIC GAMES

REF: MUNICH 0320 AND PREVIOUS

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY RFE/RL HEADQUARTERS THAT AMERICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S ATTEMPT TO REVERSE THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DECISION HAS FAILED AND THAT MEMBERS OF RFE TEAM COVERING OLYMPIC GAMES HAVE HANDED IN THEIR CREDENTIALS. TEAM HAS REMAINED IN INNSBRUCK TO COVER GAMES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT ACCREDITATION.

2. BECAUSE ISSUE OF ACCREDITATION TO GAMES IS PROPERLY THE CONERN OF THE IOC, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC ACTION BY USG WOULD NOT RPT NOT ADVANCE CAUSE OF RFE ACCREDITATION AND COULD BE EXPLOITED READILY BY SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN MEDIA.

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3. IOC'S DECISION TO REVOKE RFE CREDENTIALS WAS OSTENSIBLY BASED ON TECHNICAL OMISSION IN RFE APPLICATION, NAMELY THAT RFE ACCREDITATION DOCUMENTS WERE NOT PROPERLY SIGNED AND STAMPED BY A NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THIS OMISSION IN RFE APPLICATION WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY DISCOVERED AND LEAKED BY A MEMBER OF IOC UNFRIENDLY TO RFE AND USG, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE THAT US MEMBER (S) OF IOC REQUEST PERMISSION TO REVIEW CREDENTIALS OF ALL ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO DETERMINE WHETHER RFE WAS VICTIM OF DISCRIMINATION. SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT STRONGLY URGE US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION SOONEST TO ENSURE THAT REVIEW OCCURS WHILE GAMES ARE STILL IN PROGRESS.

BEGIN FYI: FRG PRESS AND AP HAVE REPORTED THAT MOST FRG JOURNALISTS COVERING GAMES CARRY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS WHICH BEAR NEITHER SIGNATURE NOR STAMP OF GERMAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. END FYI. PETERSON

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